

ISOLATED CATHEPSIN L TYPE CYSTEINE  
PROTEASES AND REDUCING INTERCORNEOCYTE  
COHESION/PROMOTING DESQUAMATION THEREWITH

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5                   Isolated, substantially pure natural or  
synthetic polypeptides comprising cathepsin L type  
cysteine proteases, or polypeptide fragments or  
polypeptide admixtures obtained via proteolysis thereof,  
10                   are useful for reducing intercorneocyte cohesion and,  
thus, for promoting desquamation.